## Meeting of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee of the City of LaSalle May 17, 2021

## Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers

Chairman Bacidore called the Meeting to order at 5:44pm.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chairman Bacidore, Aldermen Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane (Remotely), Herndon (arrived at 5:56 p.m.)

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Aldermen Demes

A quorum was present.

Moved by Aldermen Lavieri and Aldermen Ptak to authorize and allow Aldermen Crane to participate remotely via phone call. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Aldermen Crane joined the committee meeting remotely.

Moved by Aldermen Reynolds and seconded by Aldermen Lavieri to approve and place on file the minutes of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for April 19, 2021. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Aldermen Bacidore began discussion about the UTV's. Bacidore mentioned that he has talked to numerous people, including the Chief of Police, who are not in favor of it.

Aldermen Demes mentioned how he doesn't understand how it got back on the agenda for this committee because it got voted down the last time and it is only going to get voted down again. Aldermen Demes thinks it should be allowed in cul-de-sac areas, they are already doing it in the subdivisions in the area. Aldermen Demes proposed that we can control the golf carts with safety issues, stickers and lights. There can then be an ordinance that they can cite the bicycles and e-bicycles.

Aldermen Demes and Bacidore had much discussion back and forth in regards to what could be discussed to make this ordinance even happen.

Aldermen Jeppson and Bacidore both agreed that electronic bikes and UTVs should be two different discussions.

Aldermen Reynolds mentioned his concern in regards to insurance, license, etc. If there are people in the town that are interested then they need to bring forward what is needed to make this a bigger discussion.

Aldermen Demes brought up Geneseo as an example and what could be done to allow the non-highway vehicles to be allowed on city roads. They bring it into the city for inspection and then if it passes with the city then they receive a city sticker.

Aldermen Bacidore asked for a straw vote in regards to allowing UTVs and golf carts on city streets in order to make a recommendation to city council for further discussion. The

straw vote resulted in a 1-6 vote wherein Alderman Crane voted aye and the others voted nay.

Chairman Bacidore began discussion of forming an ordinance for the electric bikes and motorized bicycles. Attorney McPhederan joined in on the discussion to point out that code 74.13, consistent with the state statute, does not allow these motorized bikes on the streets of the city. They are violating the ordinance of the City of LaSalle and the State of Illinois if they are even on the street. Committee members decided to put in a recommendation to the city council to amend the ordinance 74.13 by adding fines from \$75-\$750 if they are not following the rules of the road.

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Aldermen Reynolds and Aldermen Ptak to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Amy Quinn, City Clerk